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DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE VOJVODINA

The draft budget for the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina for 1949 amounts to 2,975,262,000 dinars, or 28 percent more than in 1948.

The budget plan for 1948 was fulfilled 104 percent for revenues and 90 percent for expenditures. The plan for the turnover tax was realized 104 percent. Enterprises of national significance met their plan 113 percent, republic enterprises 100 percent, Vojvodina provincial enterprises 90.4 percent, and local enterprises 90.9 percent.

Over 378 million dinars are allotted in the 1949 draft budget for investment in capital construction financed by the budget, and about 284 million for raising the standard of living. The total investment in Vojvodina provincial and local fields is 1,314,000,000 dinars. The 1949 investment plan is about three times greater than the 1947 plan. Of the total investment 63 percent has been allotted for agriculture, including 204 million for workers housing on farms; 158 million for accommodations for large livestock; 100 million for pigsties, and 92 million for garages, sheds, and storehouses for farms. Also, 151 million dinars have been allotted for housing and 585 million for education and culture. Investment has been provided for 56 new schools.

The 1948 plan for over-all production in the Vojvodina was fulfilled 94.81 percent in value, although it was 15.45 percent greater than the 1947 plan. Total production of Vojvodina provincial and local industry was three times greater than in 1947. The 1948 plan for agricultural production was realized only 94 percent, but 27 percent more was produced than in 1947. The arable area was increased by 30,000 hectares during 1948; 6.8 percent more grain, 14.3 percent more industrial plants, 25 percent more vegetables, and 36 percent more fodder plants were planted than in 1947. The total grain production in 1948 was 18.5 percent greater than in 1947. Livestock figures rose to 24 percent more hogs, 3.8 percent more sheep, and 1.9 percent more cattle than in 1947. Only the number of horses declined.

Turnover in retail trade was 51 percent greater than in 1947.

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The 1948 plan for the crop purchase of white grains was fulfilled 101.19 percent and the plan for the purchase of livestock 82.89 percent. The plan for the purchase of fat hogs was met only 54.69 percent.

The plan for abolishing illiteracy was fulfilled 93.2 percent. There are still 21,612 illiterates in the Vojevodina.

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